

LI.—*Descriptions of Two new South-American Characinoid Fishes.* By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

Leporinus semivittatus.

Depth of body $3\frac{2}{3}$ times in total length, length of head 4 times. Upper profile of head straight; jaws equal; incisors pointed, brown-edged; snout $1\frac{1}{2}$ diameter of eye, which is 4 times in length of head; interorbital width $2\frac{1}{2}$ times in length of head; eye equally distant from the end of the snout and the gill-opening. Dorsal 13, equally distant from the end of the snout and the base of the caudal, the sixth ray opposite to the first ventral. Anal 10. Pectoral $\frac{2}{3}$ length of head, widely separated from the ventral. Scales $38\frac{5\frac{1}{2}}{6\frac{1}{2}}$. Olive above, silvery beneath; an interrupted black stripe on each side, on the lateral line, originating above the base of the ventral; fins whitish.

Total length 115 millim.

A single specimen from Manaos, Rio Negro, collected by Mr. J. C. Antony.

Xiphostoma lateristriga.

Depth of body $8\frac{1}{2}$ times in total length, length of head $3\frac{1}{4}$ times. Snout a little more than half length of head, terminating in a cartilaginous appendage; cleft of mouth half length of head; diameter of eye 4 times in length of snout (without appendage), 3 times in postorbital part of head, $\frac{2}{3}$ interorbital width. Dorsal 10, a little nearer base of caudal than base of ventrals. Anal 10, originating opposite to fourth dorsal ray. Pectoral $\frac{1}{3}$ length of head. Ventrals equally distant from centre of eye and base of caudal. Scales 82 (16 in a transverse series); lateral line reduced to a few scales. Pale brown above, darker on the middle of the back; a dark grey lateral band, narrower on the head and passing through the eye, edged with black above on the body and both above and below on the head; white beneath; fins white, with two black spots on the pectorals and one on the ventrals, dorsal, and anal; caudal with a black median streak and two oblique ones on each lobe, converging behind.

Total length 210 millim.

A single specimen from Manaos, collected by Mr. Antony.